



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application: Tianqing He et al.

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Examiner: Jiping Lu

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Art Unit: 3749

Invention: DEVICE AND METHODS FOR RAPID DRYING OF POROUS MATERIALS

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

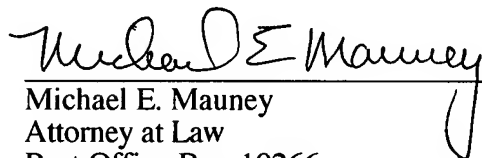
Dear Sir or Madam:

This is written to summarize an interview of 19 March 2007.

This summarizes an interview by telephone between applicant's attorney, Michael E. Mauney, and Jiping Lu. Applicant called, through attorney, to request clarification of the last office action of the examination. More specifically, applicant requested clarification of use of the term "obvious" in what was apparently a 102 rejection. Examiner offered an explanation that if the 102 rejection was inappropriate then the rejection would still be maintained under 103 under "obvious" standards. No agreement was reached.

Applicant also questioned the examiner regarding the imposition of what was apparently a "criticality" requirement for showing under § 132 affidavit. Applicant had offered these affidavits for objective indicia of nonobviousness, including such indicia as established by case law of long felt and unmet need and of acceptance in the marketplace, including that the applicant's invention has established the standard for field testing of asphalt samples. Examiner stated that the criticality language was not a requirement, but merely a suggestion. No agreement was reached.

This the 26 day of April, 2007.



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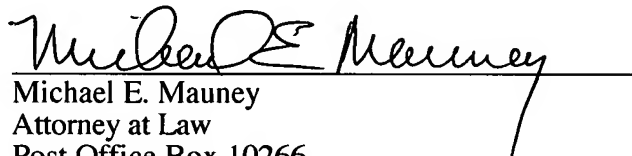
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